Hotel Projects to be set up in connection with Asiad 1982;

(b) what is the amount collected during the last one year from these firms; and

(c) whether any legal action has been taken to recover the amount of loan and the interest accrued thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) Out of 4 hotel projects against whom interest amounts were due in December, 1983, 3 hotel projects have since cleared the arrears. In regard to the remaining concern in default legal notices were issued in October/November, 1984 by the institutions/banks recalling their loans/advances. Subsequently, on the proposal of one of the promoter groups to bring in 50 per cent of the funds for completion of the hotel project, the institutions/banks have agreed to fund arrears of interest falling due upto 30th September, 1986. Hence, payment of interest is not overdue from any of the 4 concerns, as of new.

The total amount of principal interest and commitment charges collected from 3 of the 4 concerns during the year 1984-85 (July-June) was Rs. 90.09 lakhs. During this period no amount was payable by the remaining concern.

Losses incurred by Pure Drinks Private Limited

33. SHRI BISWA GOSWAMI: Will the Minitser of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2262 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th August, 1983 and state:

(a) whether Government have ascertained from M/s. Pure Drinks Private Limited whether the unadjusted accumlated losses for the years 1978, 1979; 1981 have been duly audited by the Chartered Accountants and Government Auditors and

(b) if so, what are details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The accounts of M/s. Pure Drinks Private Limited for the years ended 31st October; 1978, 1979; 1980 and 1981 have been audited by the company's Auditors and the 'accumulated losses' are in accordance with the said audited Accounts. The accounts of M/s. Pure Drinks Private Limited are not required to be audited by the Government Auditors.

Raids conducted by the Income Tax, Customs and the Excise Authorities

34. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of raids conducted by the Income-tax, Customs and Excise authorities during the last one year and what was the net result in terms of recovery or confiscation of contraband goods and the number of persons arrested, State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that most of the persons arrested by the customs authorities are not awarded punishment by the courts; and

(c) what is the number of persons prosecuted and released by the Courts during the last year and what is the number of persons released by the Detention Advisory Boards during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) A Statement showing number of raids/searches conducted by Income-tax, Customs and Central Excise authiritiqs during last one year (1-4-84 to 31-3-85) throughout the country and value of assets seized under income-tax value of contraband goods seized under Customs Act and amount of Central Excise duty sought to be evaded under Central Excise Act is Annexed. Statewise figures are not maintained by any of these authorities. The net result in terms of recevery of Income-tax of confication of goods or evasion of Central Excise duty under the respective

laws would be known only after the cases are adjudicated by proper authority. Under the Customs Act, 2447 persons were arrested in connection with smuggling activities throughout the country during 1984-85.

(b) and (c) During financial year 1984-85, 1996 persons were prosecuted; 825 persons were convicted and 219 persons were acquitted for smuggling activities throughout the country. However, these figures are provisional and also include prosecutions/convictions of persons arrested in earlier years. Under direct taxec Acts, 58 convictions were obtained during the year 1984-85; Under Central Excise and Salt Act, number of prosecutions launched and persons acquitted during this period are 183 and 22 respectively. During this period 115 persons were released by Detention Advisory Board.

(*Rs. in lakhs*)

Acts	No. of Raids/ Searches	Value of assets/ Contraband goods seized, Central Excise duty evolved
Direct Taxes Acts. .	4345	2507.59
Customs Act . .	20521	2625.4*
Central Excises and Salt Act . .	5484	7982.00 (Aprox.)

*These figures do not include raids/searches conducted for detection for under valuation in customs : ppr ising c ses.

Increase in rebate period for the sale of Handloom goods

35. SHRI R. MOHANARANGAM: Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND TEXTILES be pleased to state whether Government propose to increase the rebate period for the sale of handloom goods from 30 days to 60 days, in view to the huge stock accumulated with co-operative handloom societies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND TEXTILES (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): The Policy for the current year allows special rebate on sale of handloom cloth for 30 days plus Expos approved and organised by the Office of the Development Commissioner for Handlooms. This, in effect means a period of about 120 to 150 days of special rebate, since the Office of the Development Commissioner for handlooms organises between 3-4 Expos during a particular year.

However, a number of representations have been received from some State Governments seeking a reversion to the earlier Policy of 1984-85, which is being considered by Government.

Export-Import Policy

36. SHRI R. MOHANARANGAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state whether Government will ensure that the amendments and changes in the 'Red Book' containing Government's export import policy made from time are given a wide publicity, especially in regional newspapers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): It is ensured by the Government that wide publicity is given to the amendments and changes in the import-export policy made from time to time. The notifications containing amendments and changes are supplied to the accredited correspondents of the news agencies and Hindi/English/ other language newspapers for wide publicity. The important changes and amendments are broadcast/telecast on All India Radio and Doordarshan also.

Fourth Pay Commission Report

37. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the latest position in regard to the submission of Report by the Fourth Central Pay Commission to the Government of India; and

(b) the time by which it is likely to be submitted and implemented by Government?